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FINAL DEFENDANT SENTENCED IN OXYCONTIN CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that the fourth and final co-defendant was sentenced in federal court today for her role in a conspiracy to distribute Oxycontin.

Wanda F. Thompson, 53, address unknown, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to nine years and two months in federal prison without parole.

“**Thompson** and others involved in this conspiracy illegally obtained the Oxycontin by procuring prescriptions of the narcotic from doctors,” Graves said. “They later sold some of those pills for a profit, including supplying dealers who re-sold them in Kentucky.” In total, the co-defendants conspired to distribute at least 400 grams of Oxycontin.

On Sept. 22, 2005, **Thompson** pleaded guilty to her role in the conspiracy to distribute Oxycontin from Oct. 1, 2003, to March 31, 2004.

Thompson is the fourth co-defendant to be sentenced after pleading guilty to charges contained in a June 30, 2004, federal indictment. A fifth co-defendant, **Eric J. Thompson** of Lexington, Ky., is deceased.

* **Tammy Leavoy-Hines**, 44, of Kansas City, was sentenced on Dec. 12, 2005, to four years and six months in federal prison without parole. On Feb. 17, 2005, **Leavoy-Hines** pleaded guilty to her role in the conspiracy.

* **Francis M. Summe**, 51, of Fort Mitchell, Ky., was sentenced on Nov. 10, 2005, to four years and nine months in federal prison without parole. On March 2, 2005, **Summe** pleaded guilty to his role in the conspiracy

* **Robert Wise**, 38, of Overland Park, Kan., was sentenced on July 12, 2005, to two years and six months in federal prison without parole. On Oct. 20, 2004, **Wise** pleaded guilty to his role in the conspiracy.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph M. Marquez. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the U.S. Marshal's Office.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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